

ROB 498/599: Deep Learning for Robot Perception (DeepRob)

Lecture 3: Linear Classifier



<https://deeprob.org/w25/>

Today

- Feedback and Recap (5min)
- Linear Classifiers
 - Interpreting a linear classifier - three viewpoints (15min)
 - Softmax: Cross-Entropy Loss (25min)
 - Multi-class SVM loss (25min)
- Summary and Takeaways (5min)

Aha Slides (In-class participation)

<https://ahaslides.com/P8X0L>

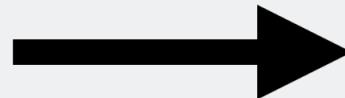


Q0: Feedback/Questions so far?

Recap: Image Classification

- A **Core** Computer Vision/Robot Perception Task

Input: image



Output: assign image to one of a fixed set of categories

Chocolate Pretzels

Granola Bar

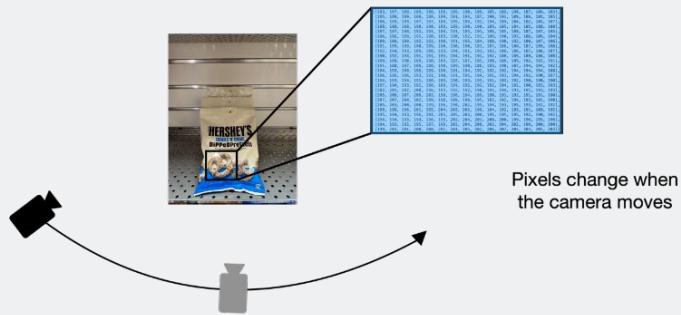
Potato Chips

Water Bottle

Popcorn

Recap: Image Classification Challenges

Viewpoint Variation & Semantic Gap



Illumination Changes



Intraclass Variation

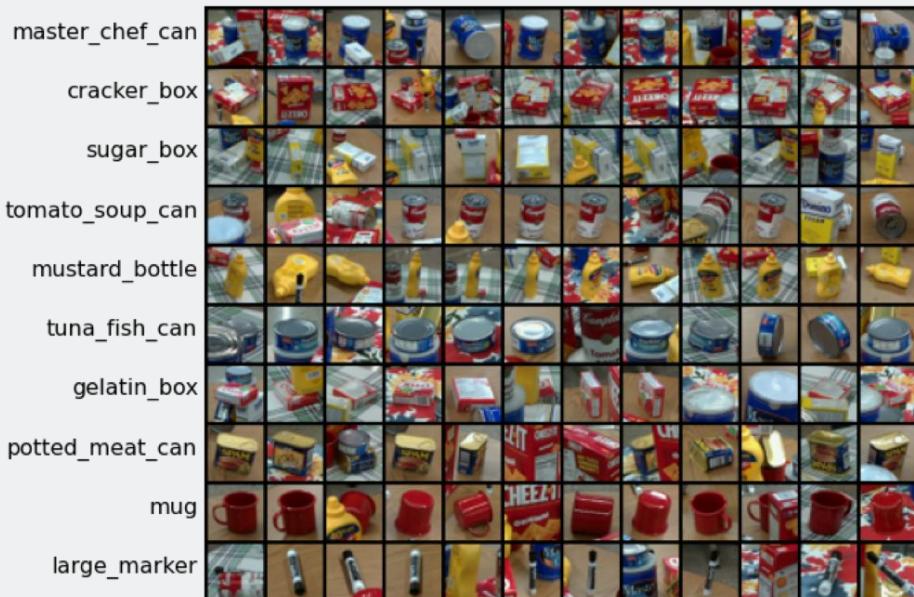
Recap: Machine (Deep) Learning - A **Data-Driven Approach**

1. Collect a dataset of images and labels
2. Use Machine Learning to train a classifier
3. Evaluate the classifier on new images

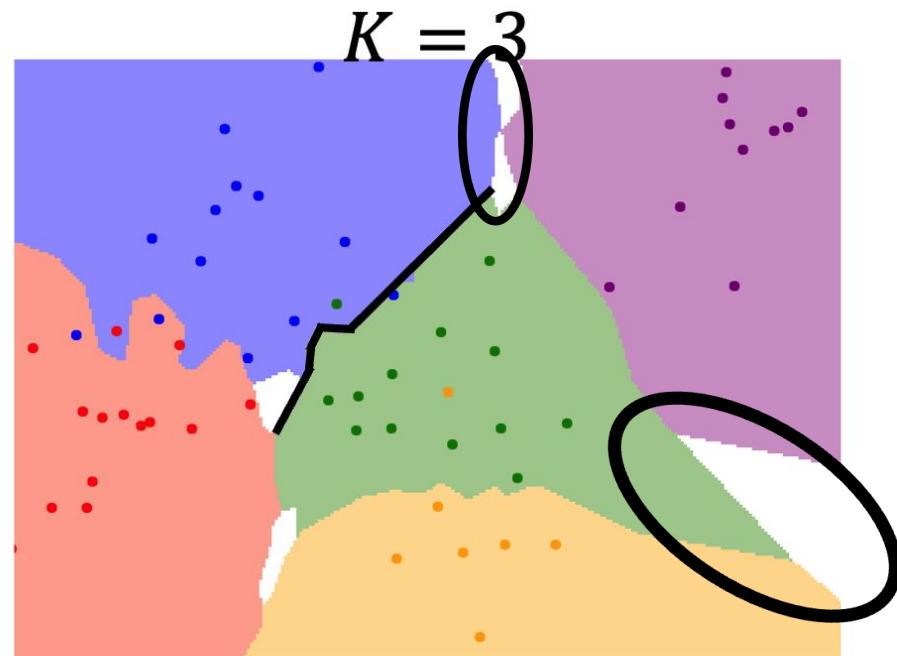
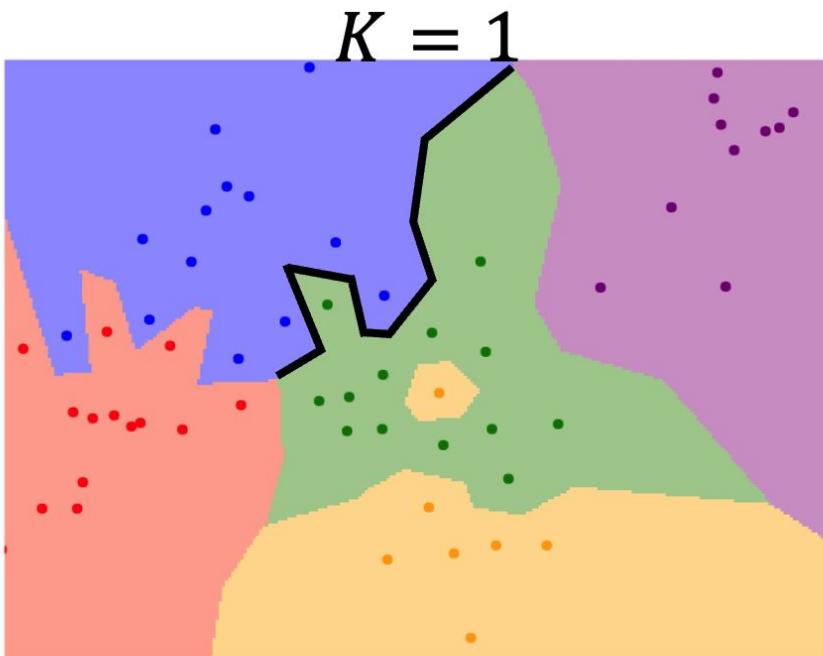
```
def train(images, labels):
    # Machine learning!
    return model
```

```
def predict(model, test_images):
    # Use model to predict labels
    return test_labels
```

Example training set



Recap: KNN parameters, train/val/test



Using more neighbors helps smooth out rough decision boundaries

Linear Classifiers

Linear Classifier

- Building Block of Neural Networks

Linear
classifiers



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Recall: PROPS dataset

Progress Robot Object Perception Samples Dataset



10 classes

32x32 RGB images

50k training images (5k per class)

10k test images (1k per class)

Chen et al., “ProgressLabeller: Visual Data Stream Annotation for Training Object-Centric 3D Perception”, IROS, 2022.

Parametric Approach

Image



$$\xrightarrow{f(x, W)}$$

10 numbers giving
class scores

Array of **32x32x3** numbers
(3072 numbers total)



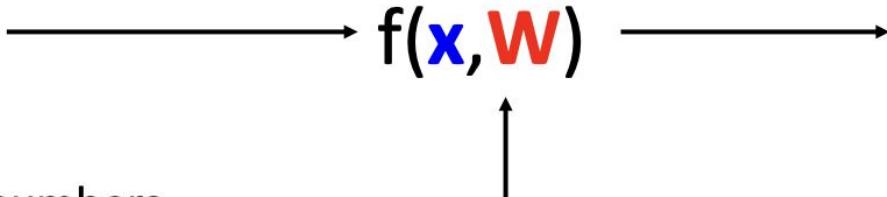
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W
parameters
or weights

Parametric Approach

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(10,) (10, 3072)

(3072,)

The equation $f(x, W) = Wx$ is enclosed in a yellow box. The input x is a 32x32x3 array, resulting in 3072 numbers. The weight matrix W has dimensions 10 rows by 3072 columns, resulting in 10 class scores.

W
parameters
or weights

10 numbers giving
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Parametric Approach

Image



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$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

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$$f(x, W)$$

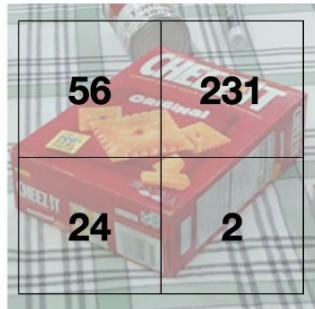
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Example for 2x2 Image, 3 classes (crackers/mug/sugar)

Stretch pixels into column

$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$



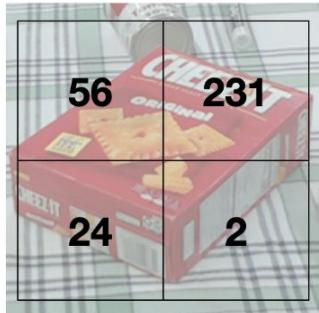
Input image (2, 2)



(4,)

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Input image
(2, 2)

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1.5	1.3	2.1	0.0
0	0.25	0.2	-0.3

W (3, 4)

56
231
24
2
(4,)

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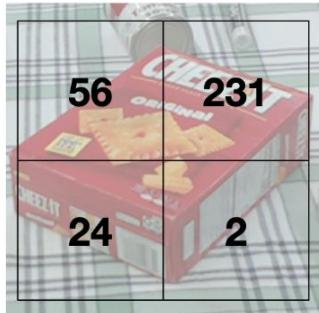
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437.9		

b (3,)

① Algebraic Viewpoint

Stretch pixels into column



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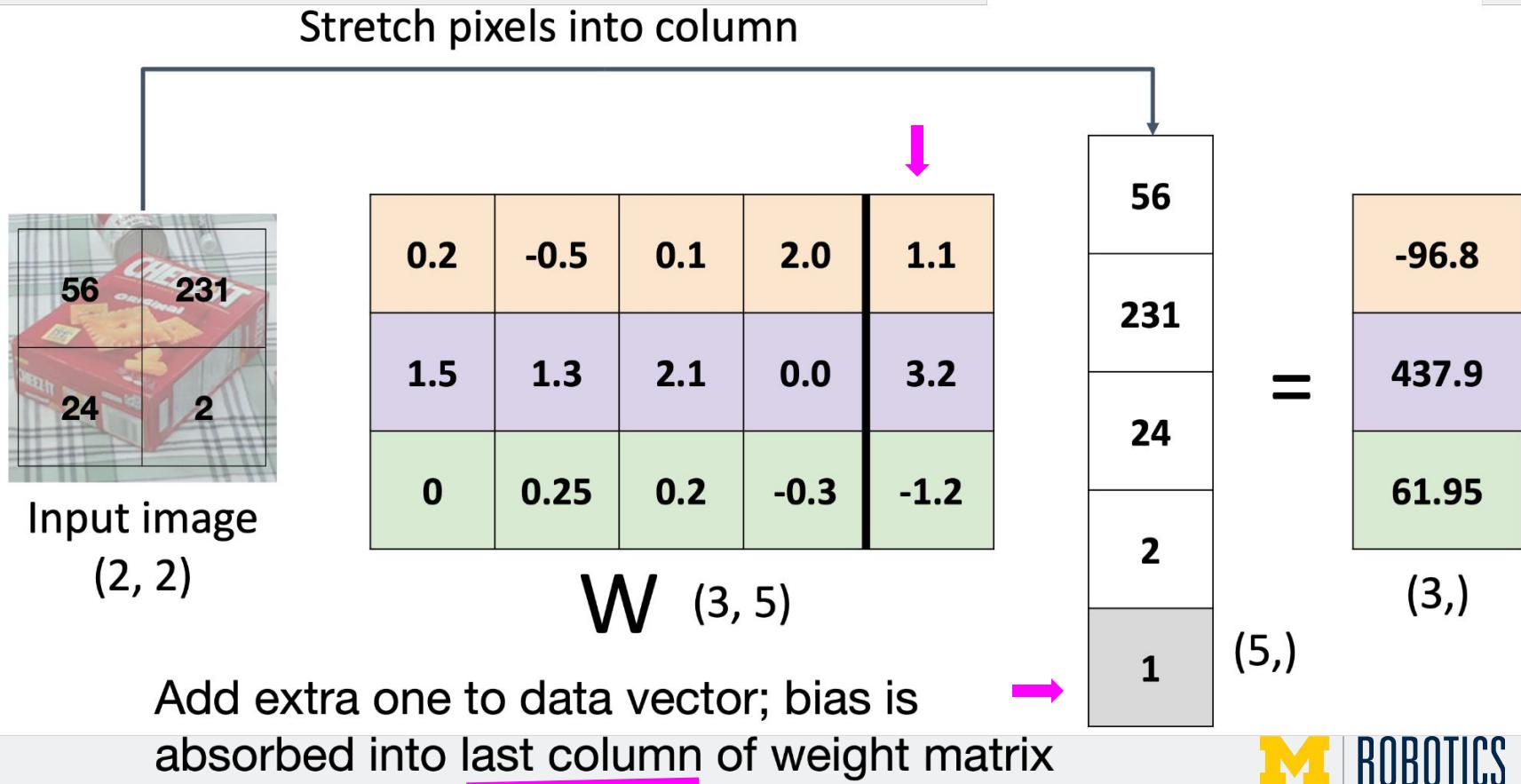
$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

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 b
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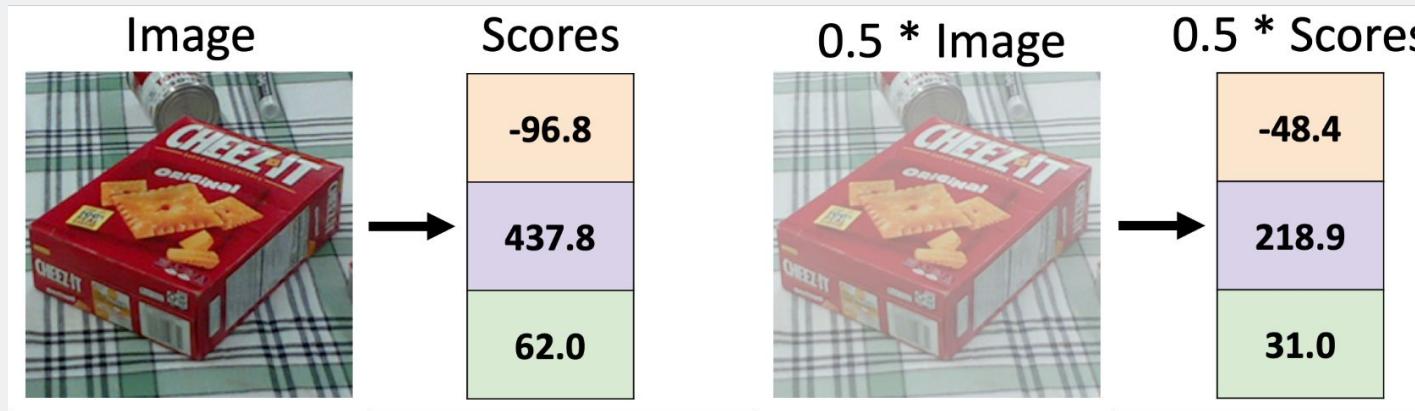
Linear Classifier - Bias Trick



Linear Classifier - Predictions are Linear

$$f(x, W) = Wx \quad (\text{ignore bias})$$

$$f(cx, W) = W(cx) = c * f(x, W)$$

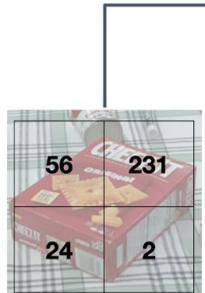


Interpreting Linear Classifier

Algebraic Viewpoint

$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

Stretch pixels into column



Input image
(2, 2)

$$\begin{matrix} 0.2 & -0.5 & 0.1 & 2.0 \\ 1.5 & 1.3 & 2.1 & 0.0 \\ 0 & 0.25 & 0.2 & -0.3 \end{matrix}$$

$$W \quad (3, 4)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 56 \\ 231 \\ 24 \\ 2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1.1 \\ 3.2 \\ -1.2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} -96.8 \\ 437.9 \\ 61.95 \end{array}$$

$b \quad (3,)$

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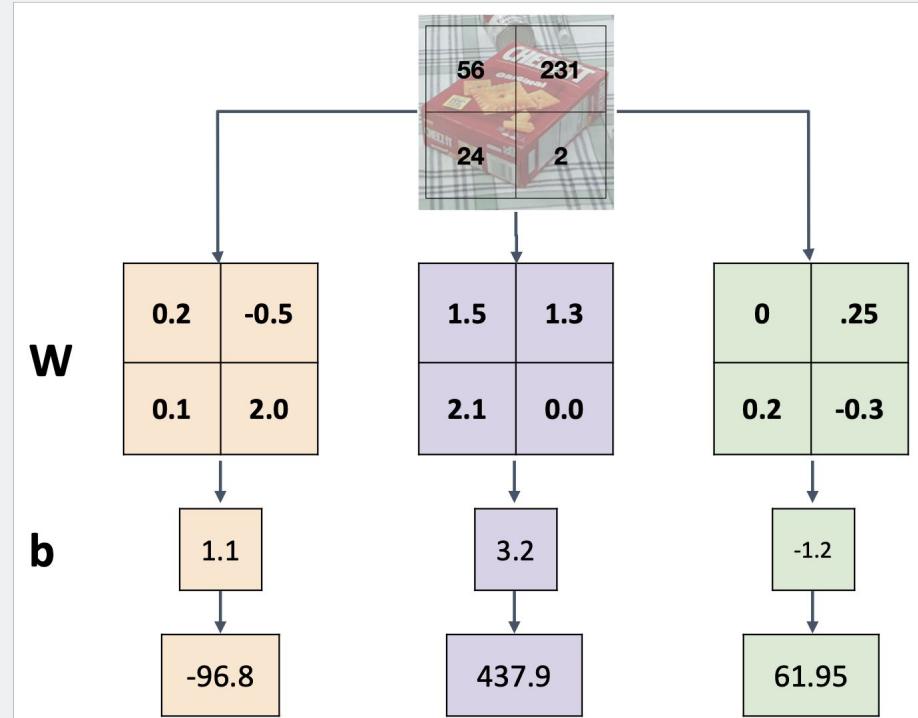
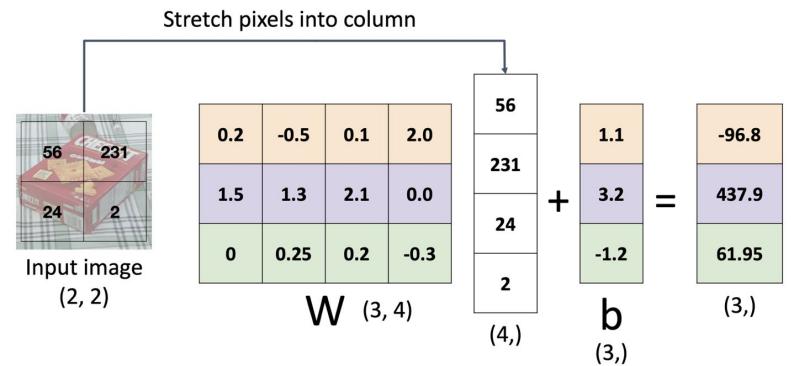
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Interpreting Linear Classifier

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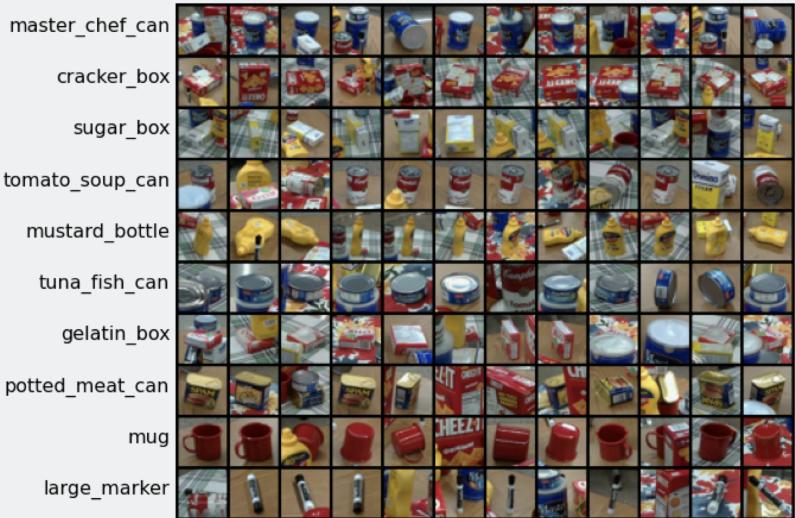
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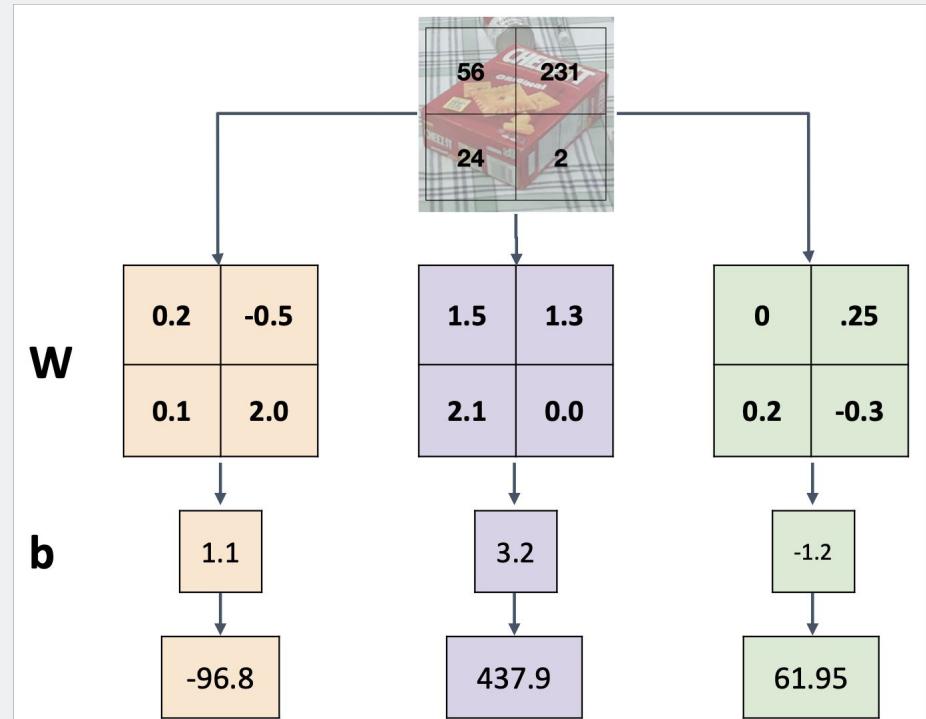


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(PROPS dataset)

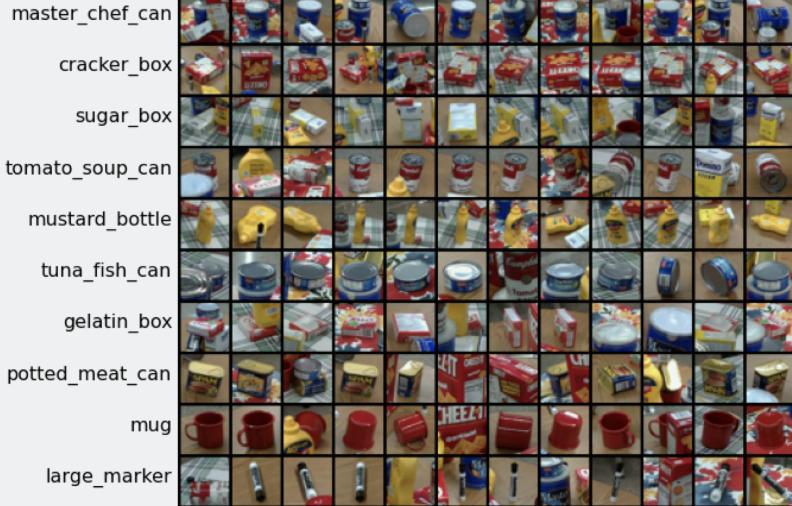


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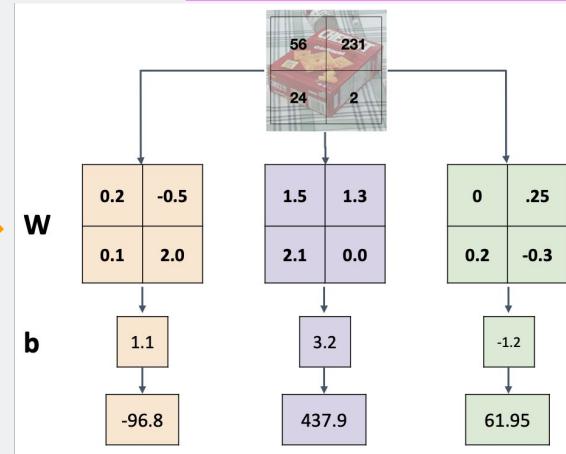


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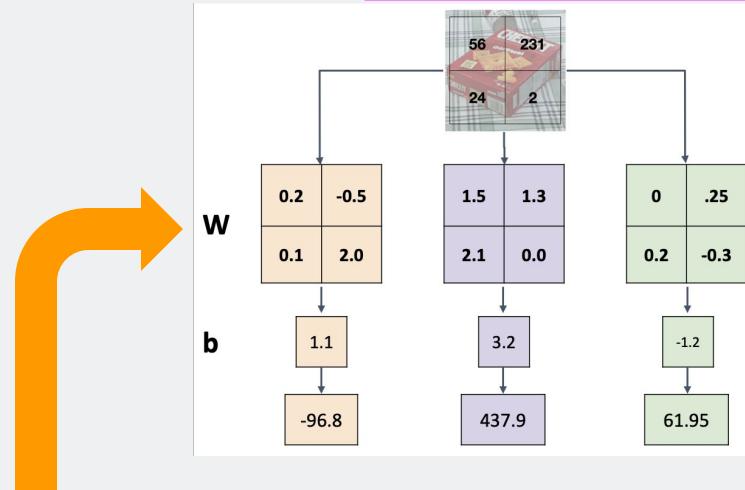
Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- ② Visual Viewpoint

Linear classifier has one
“template” per category

You can visualize W as a
“template” pattern image

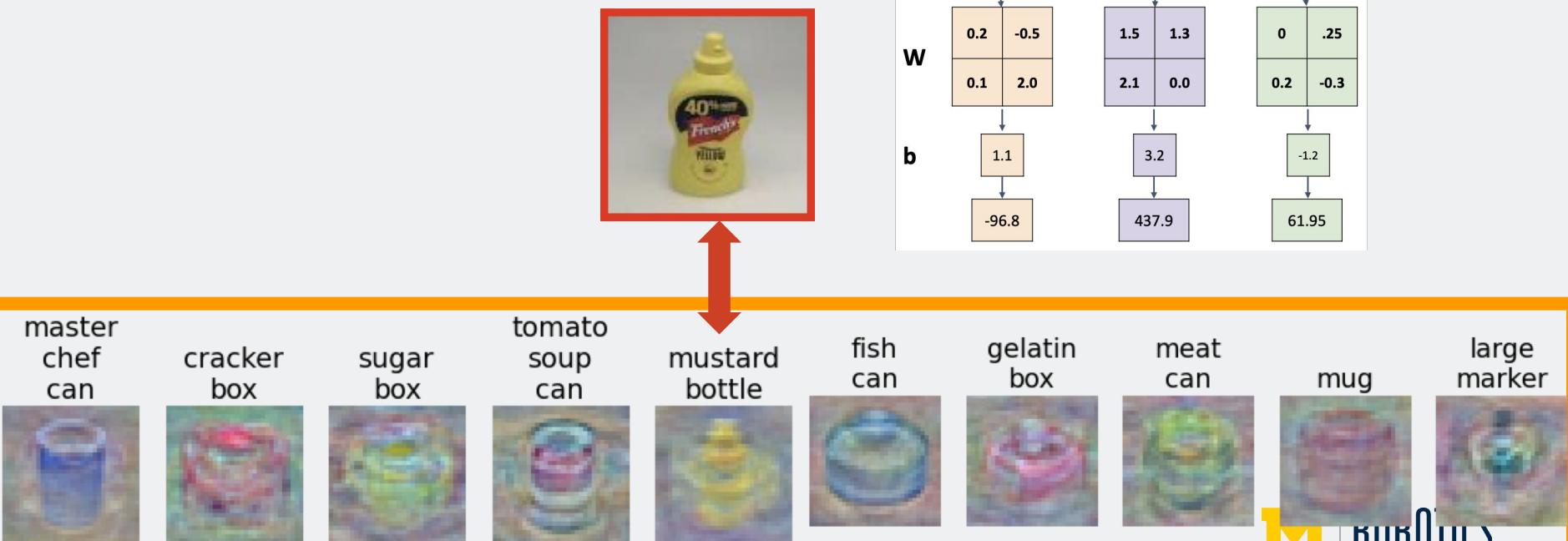
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Visual Viewpoint

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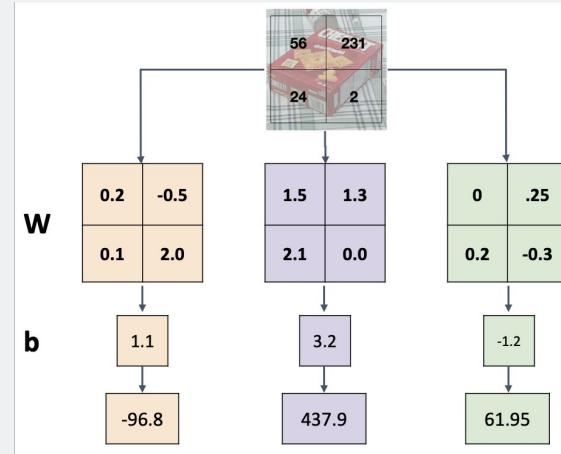
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*Note: A single template
cannot capture multiple
modes of the data
e.g., Rotation

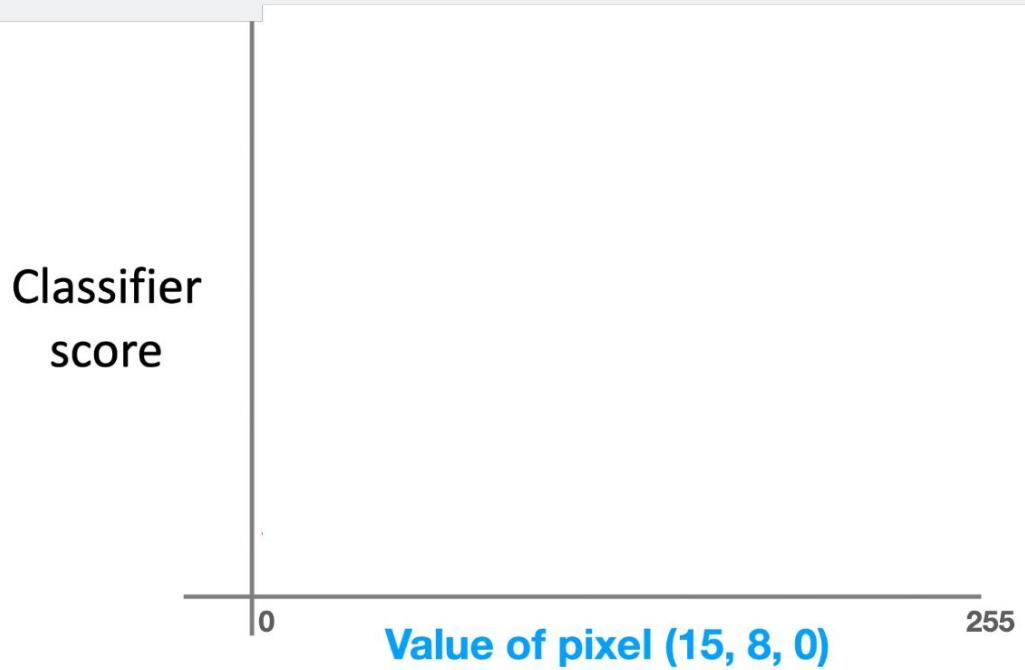


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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- ③ Geometric Viewpoint



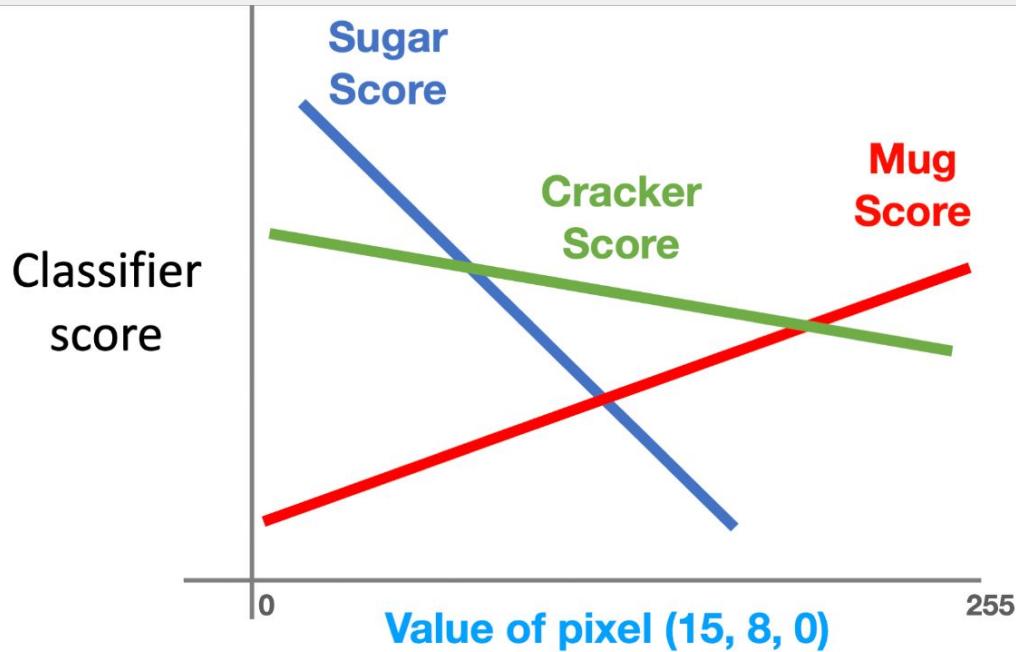
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Geometric Viewpoint



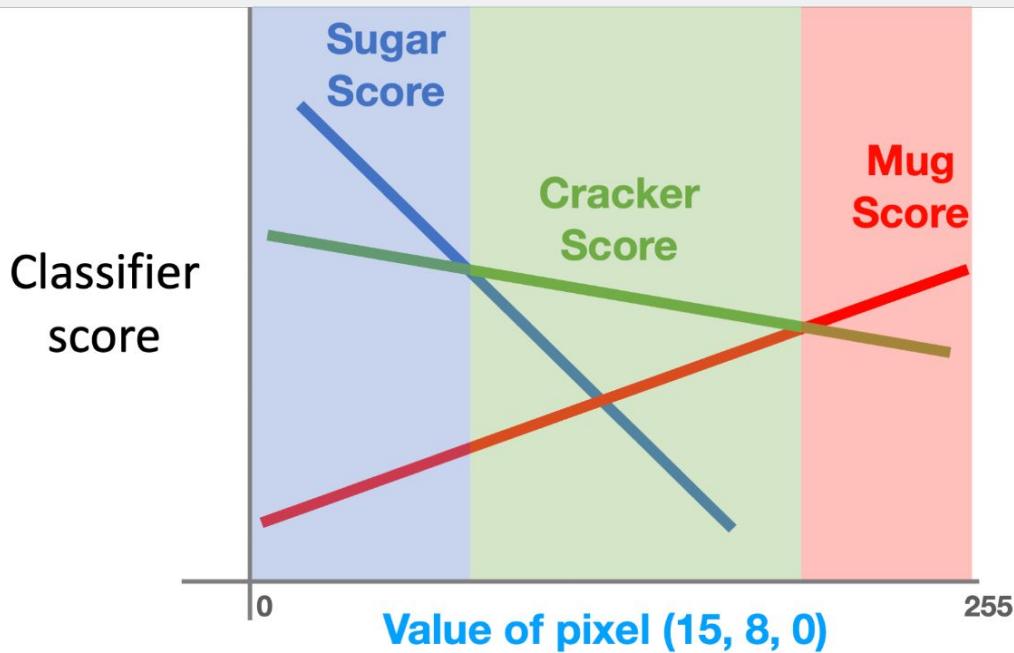
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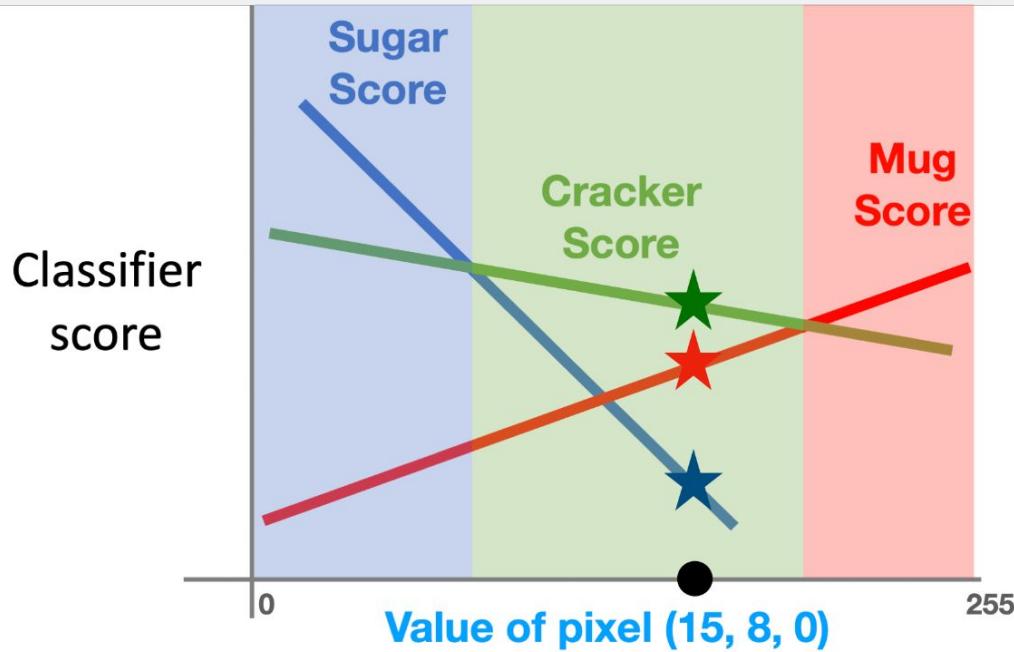
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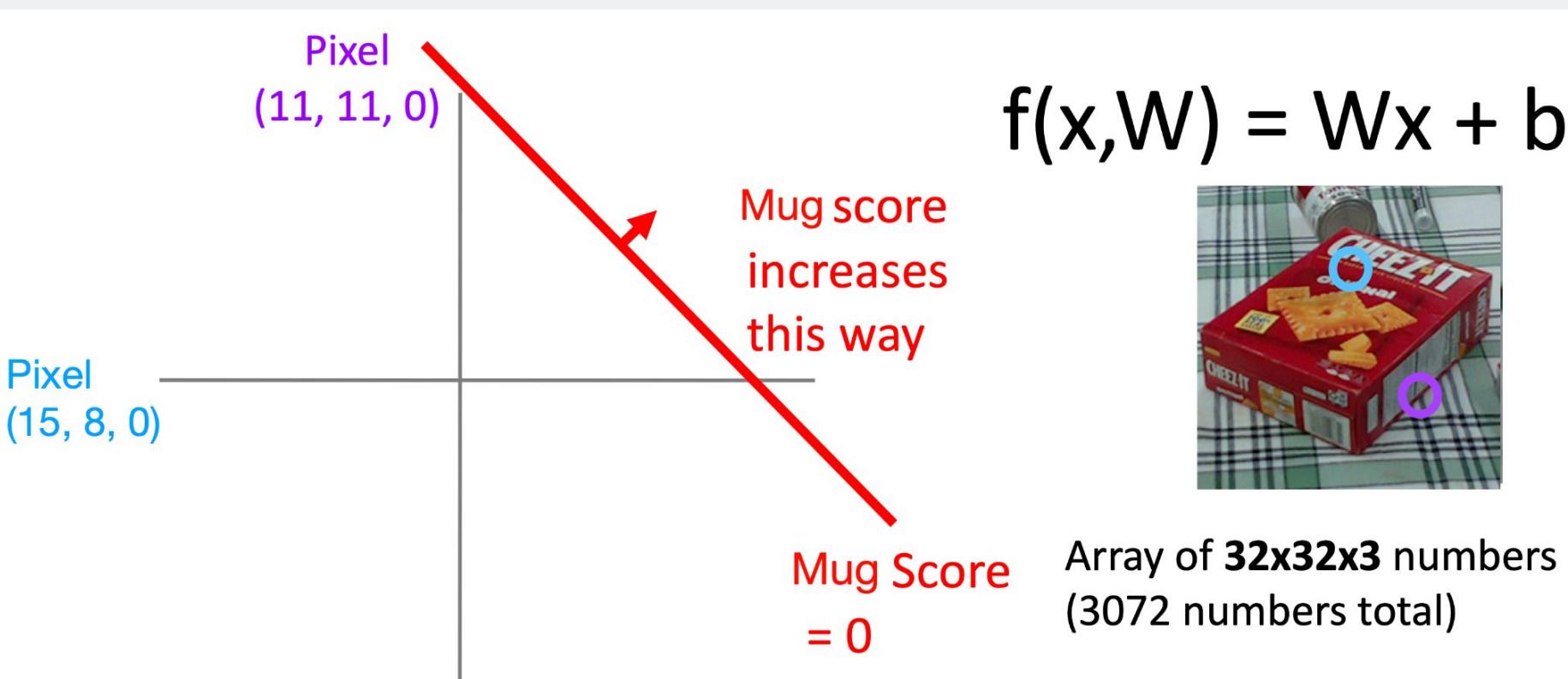
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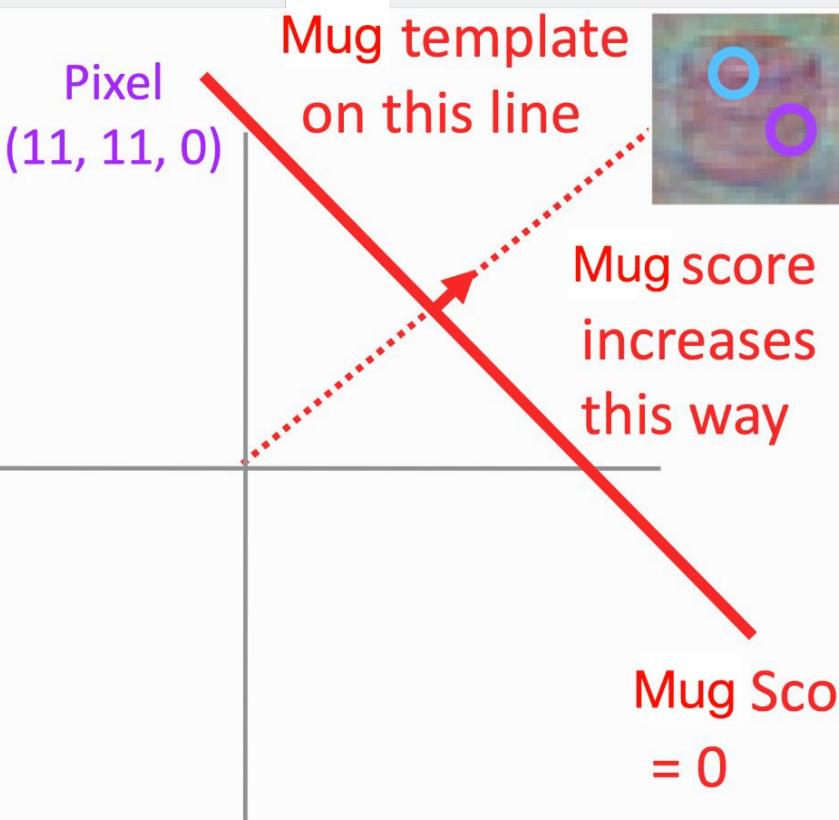
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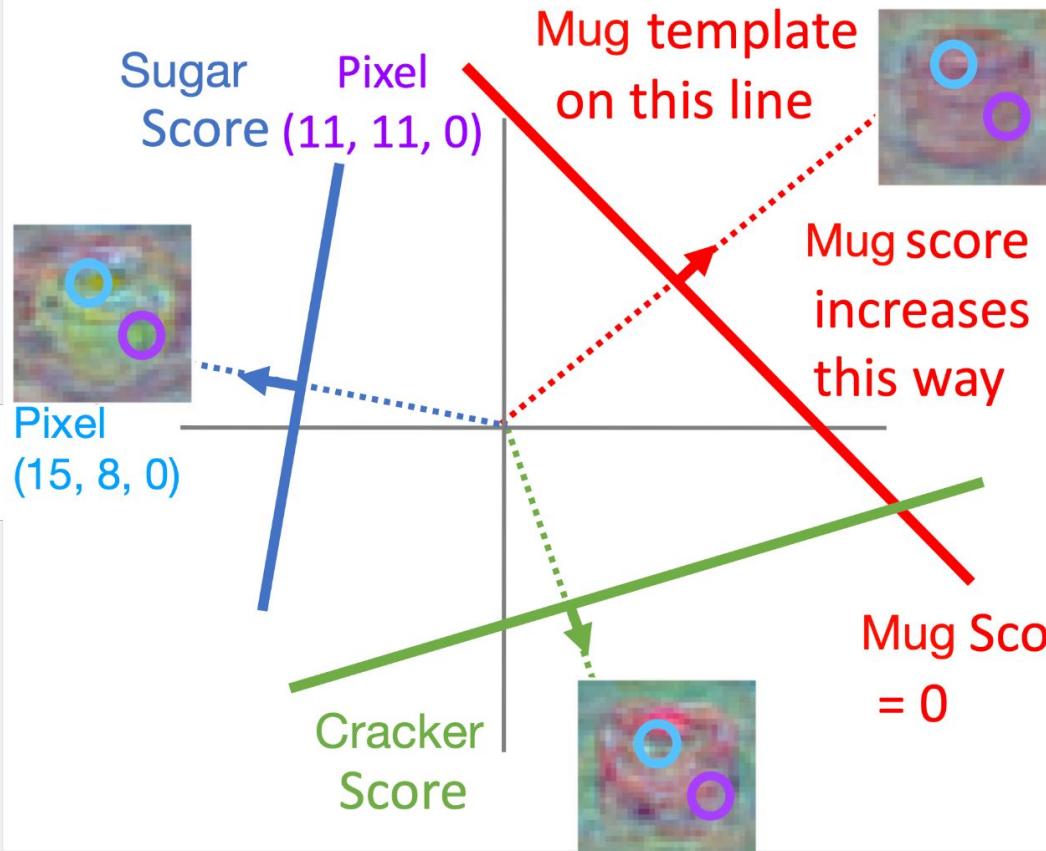
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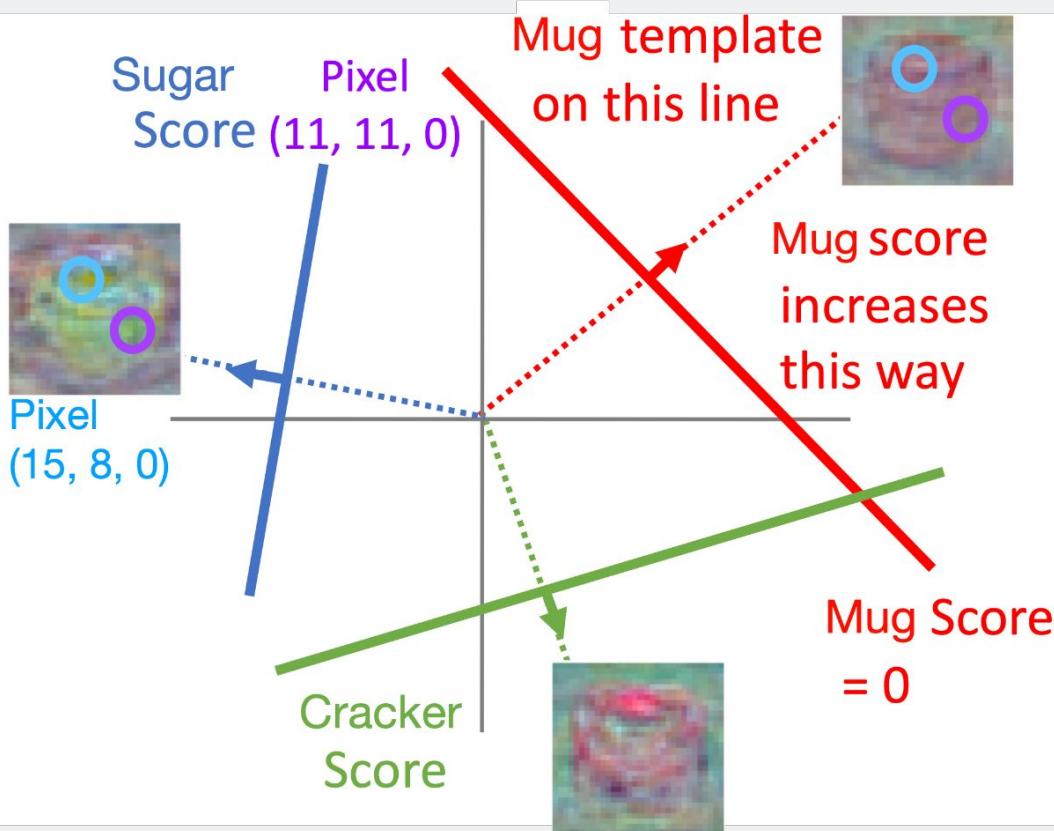
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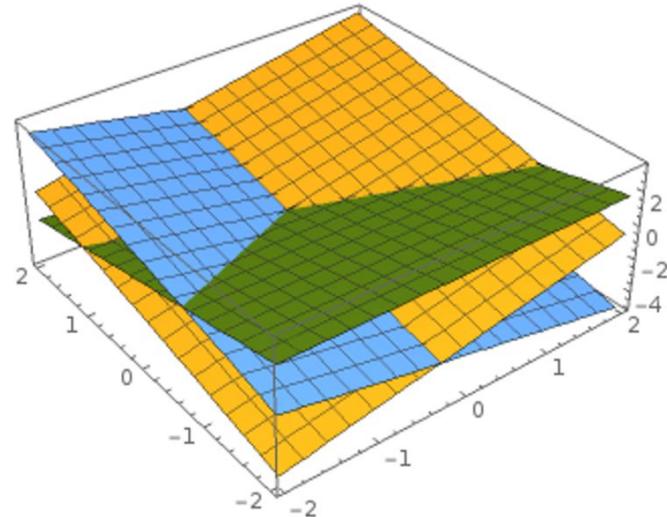
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Interpreting a Linear Classifier

- Geometric Viewpoint



Hyperplanes carving up a high-dimensional space



Plot created using [Wolfram Cloud](#)

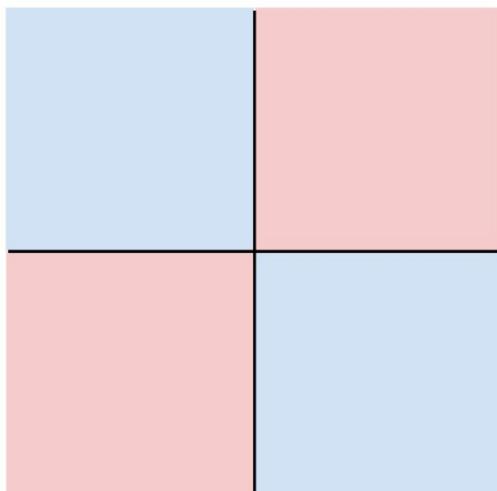
Difficult Case (Examples) for a Linear Classifier

Class 1:

First and third quadrants

Class 2:

Second and fourth quadrants



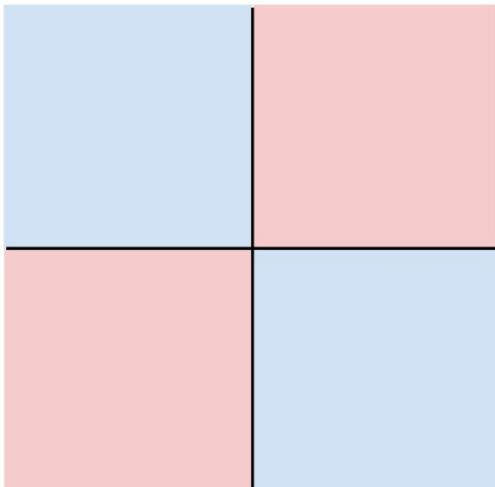
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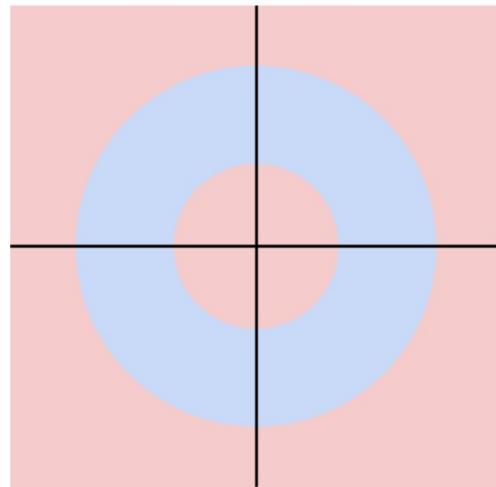


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Class 2:

Everything else



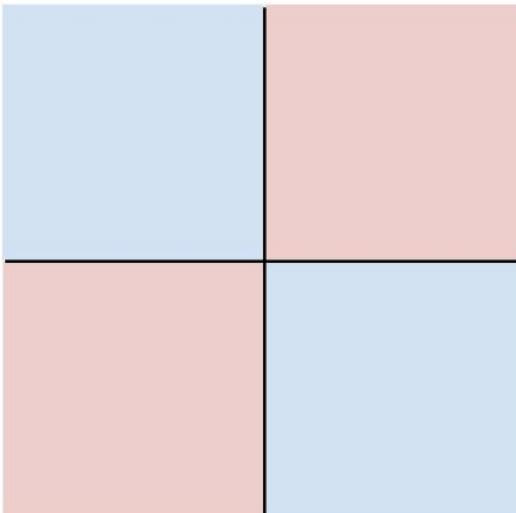
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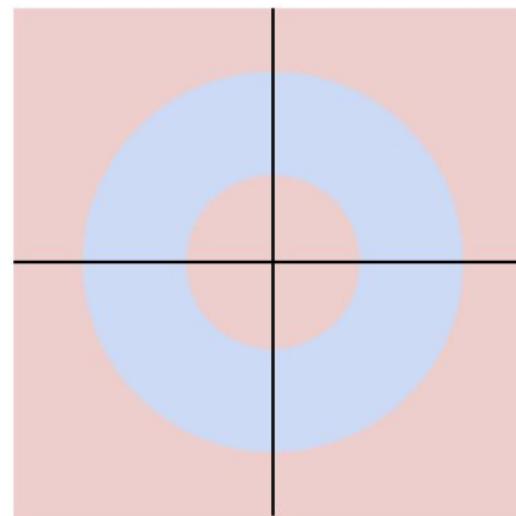


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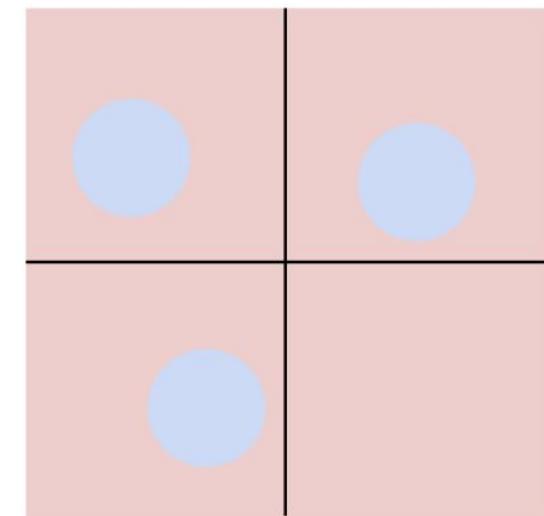


Class 1:

Three modes

Class 2:

Everything else



How do we actually choose a good W?

Define a score function



$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

master chef can	-3.45	-0.51	3.42
mug	-8.87	6.04	4.64
tomato soup can	0.09	5.31	2.65
cracker box	2.9	-4.22	5.1
mustard bottle	4.48	-4.19	2.64
tuna fish can	8.02	3.58	5.55
sugar box	3.78	4.49	-4.34
gelatin box	1.06	-4.37	-1.5
potted meat can	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
large marker	-0.72	-2.93	6.14

Define a score function



$$f(x, W) = Wx + b$$

1. Use a **loss function** to quantify how good a value of W is (today)
2. Find a W that minimizes the loss function (**optimization**) (next week)

master
mug
tomato
cracker
mustard
tuna fish
sugar
gelatin

potted meat can	-0.36	-2.09	-4.79
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Loss Function

A **loss function** measures **how good** our current classifier is.

Low loss = good classifier

High loss = bad classifier

Also called: **objective function, cost function, reward function, profit/utility/fitness function, etc.**

Loss Function

Given a dataset of examples

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

where x_i is an image and

y_i is a (discrete) label

Loss for a single example is

$$L_i(f(x_i, W), y_i)$$

Loss for the dataset is average of per-example losses:

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L_i(f(x_i, W), y_i)$$

Cross Entropy Loss

Multinomial Logistic Regression



cracker 3.2

mug 5.1

sugar -1.7

Want to interpret raw classifier scores as **probabilities**

$$s = f(x_i; W)$$

$$P(Y = k \mid X = x_i) = \frac{\exp(s_k)}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)}$$

↑
Class k

Softmax function

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



Want to interpret raw classifier scores as **probabilities**

$$s = f(x_i; W)$$

Probabilities
must be $>= 0$

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 Softmax
function

24.5

164.0

0.18

3.2

5.1

-1.7

$\exp(\cdot)$

normalize

0.13

0.87

0.00

$$L_i = -\log P(Y = y_i | X = x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_i &= -\log(0.13) \\ &= 2.04 \end{aligned}$$

cracker

mug

sugar

Unnormalized log-
probabilities (logits)

Unnormalized
probabilities

Probabilities

Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Choose weights to maximize the
likelihood of the observed data

(EECS 445/545,
Bishop: Pattern Recognition and Machine
Learning Book)

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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Probabilities

compare ←

Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_y P(y) \log \frac{P(y)}{Q(y)}$$

1.00
0.00
0.00

Correct probabilities

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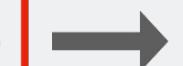
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 Softmax function

Probabilities must sum to 1

normalize



Commonly used in information theories;
Compare between model probability distributions

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



cracker

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Unnormalized log-probabilities (logits)

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Unnormalized probabilities

normalize

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Softmax function

Probabilities
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Probabilities

compare

1.00

0.00

0.00

Correct probabilities

Cross Entropy

$$H(P, Q) = H(P) + D_{KL}(P || Q)$$

Cross Entropy Loss: Multinomial Logistic Regression



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Want to interpret raw classifier scores as **probabilities**

$$s = f(x_i; W) \quad P(Y = k | X = x_i) = \frac{\exp(s_k)}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)}$$
 Softmax function

Maximize probability of correct class

$$L_i = -\log P(Y = y_i | X = x_i)$$

Putting it all together

$$L_i = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(s_{y_i})}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)} \right)$$

P1

Aha Slides (In-class participation)

<https://ahaslides.com/P8X0L>



Q1, Q2

List of Questions on AhaSlides (for your record)

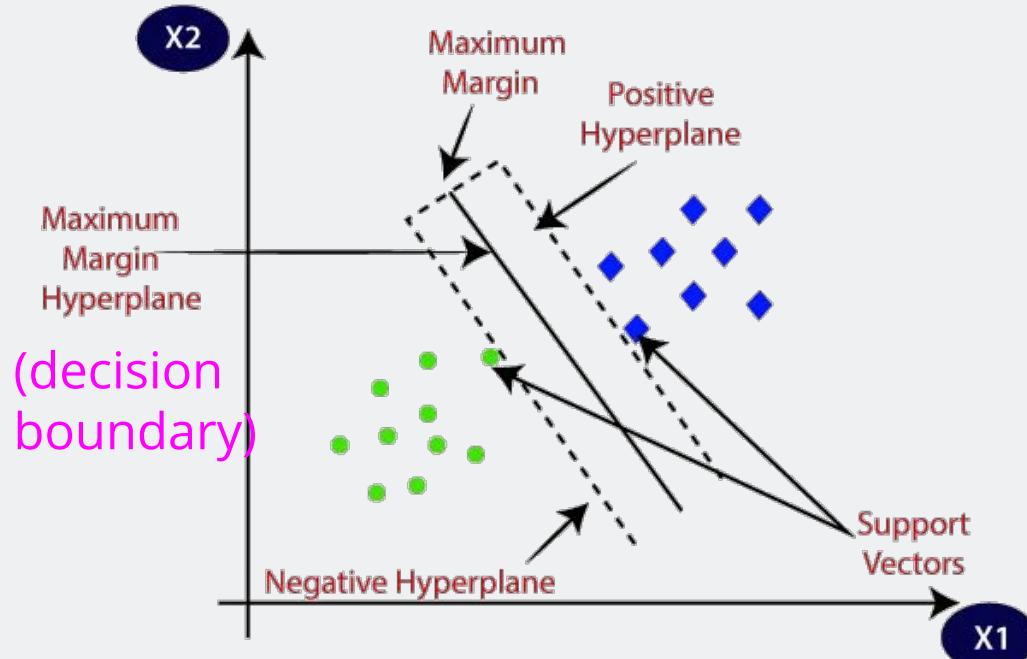
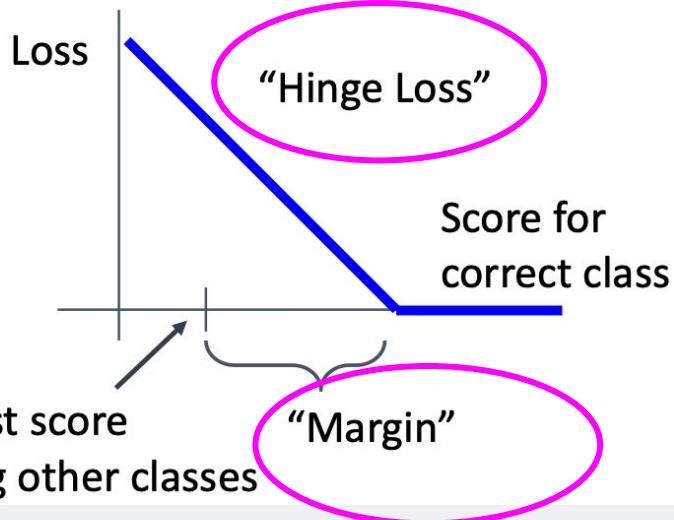
Q1: What is the min / max possible loss?

Q2: If all scores are small random values,
what is the loss?

Multi-class SVM Loss

Multiclass SVM Loss

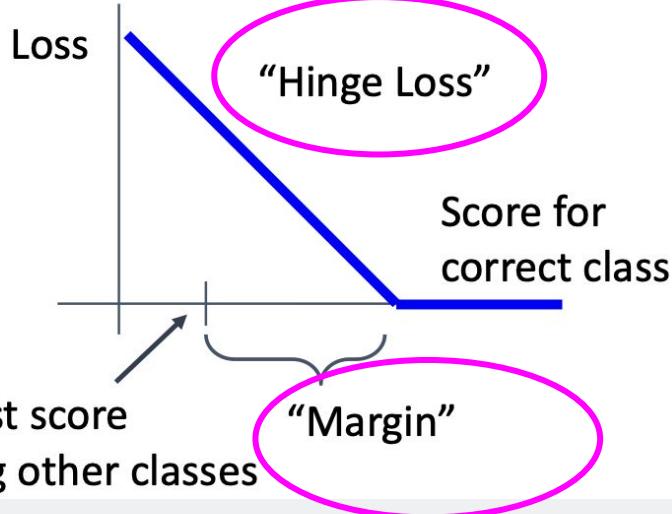
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(two-class SVM - example)

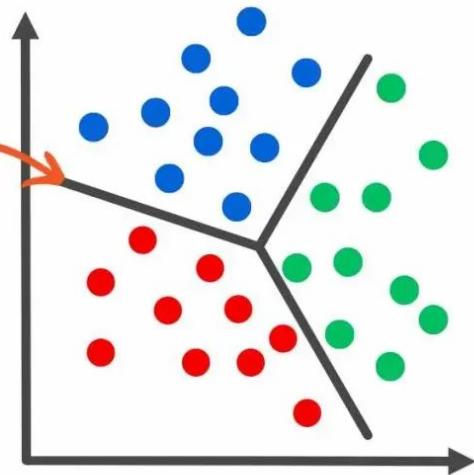
Multiclass SVM Loss

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Support Vector
Machines (SVM)

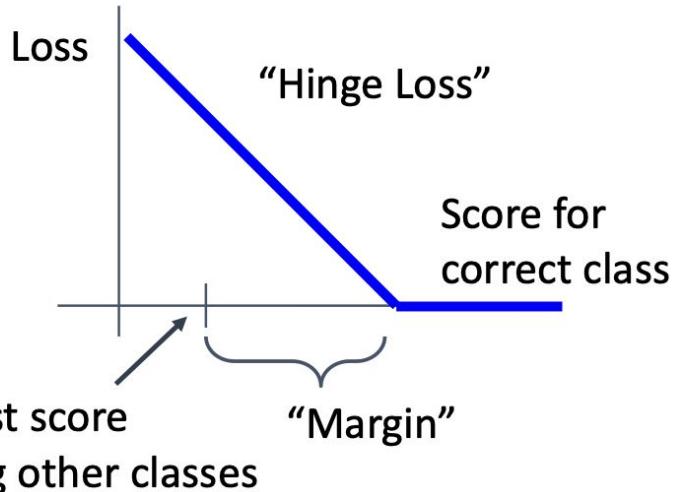
Hyperplanes that Best
Separates Different Classes



(multi-class SVM - example)

Multiclass SVM Loss

"The score of the correct class should be higher than all the other scores"



Given an example (x_i, y_i)
(x_i is image, y_i is label)

Let $s = f(x_i, W)$ be scores

Then the SVM loss has the form:

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

Multiclass SVM Loss - Concrete Example



cracker	3.2	1.3	2.2
mug	5.1	4.9	2.5
sugar	-1.7	2.0	-3.1
Loss	2.9		

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \max(0, 5.1 - 3.2 + 1) \\ &\quad + \max(0, -1.7 - 3.2 + 1) \\ &= \max(0, 2.9) + \max(0, -3.9) \\ &= 2.9 + 0 \\ &= 2.9 \end{aligned}$$

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Then the SVM loss has the form:

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \max(0, 1.3 - 4.9 + 1) \\ &\quad + \max(0, 2.0 - 4.9 + 1) \\ &= \max(0, -2.6) + \max(0, -1.9) \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Aha Slides (In-class participation)

<https://ahaslides.com/P8X0L>



Q3: What is the multi-class SVM loss for Slide 55, third image?

Q4: For multi-class SVM loss, what if the loss uses a mean instead of a sum? Would the prediction results be the same or different?

Multiclass SVM Loss - Concrete Example



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Loss over the dataset is:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= (2.9 + 0.0 + 12.9) / 3 \\ &= 5.27 \end{aligned}$$

Cross Entropy Loss vs. Multi-class SVM Loss

Example

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What is SVM loss?

A: Cross-entropy loss > 0
SVM loss = 0

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A: Cross-Entropy Loss will change;
SVM loss will stay the same for 1st and 3rd cases;
SVM loss will change for the 2nd case

Example

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Example

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A: Cross-Entropy Loss will **????;** (**Canvas quiz**)
SVM loss still 0

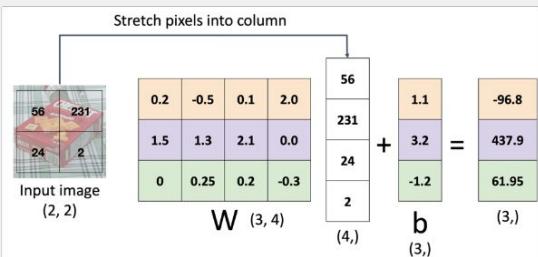
Summary

Linear Classifier - Three Viewpoints

1

Algebraic Viewpoint

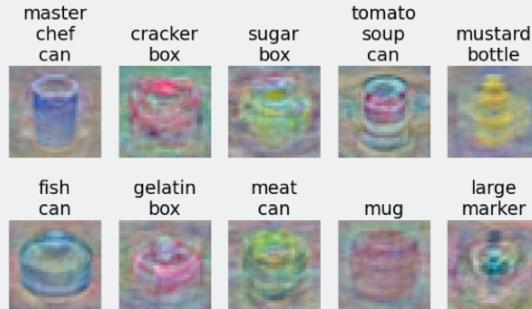
$$f(x, W) = Wx$$



2

Visual Viewpoint

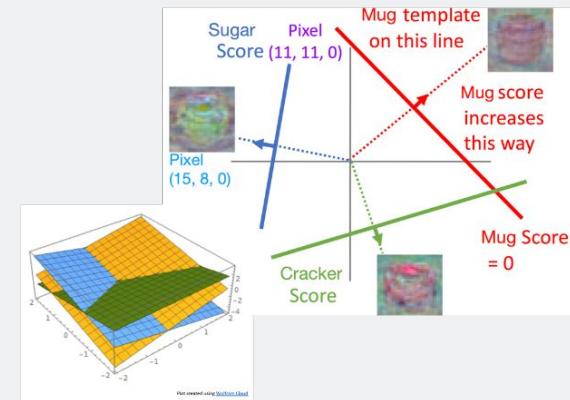
One template per class



3

Geometric Viewpoint

Hyperplanes cutting up space



Loss Functions

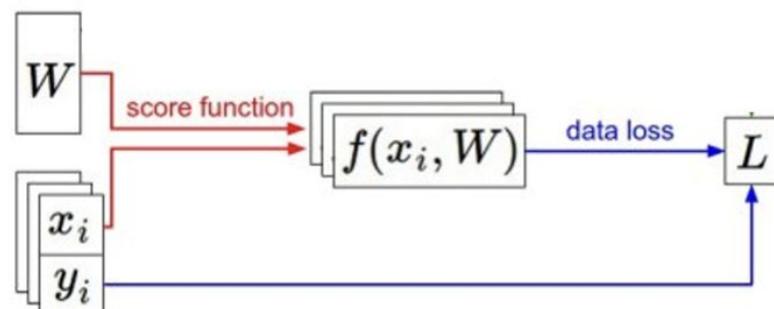
- We have some dataset of (x, y)
- We have a **score function**:
- We have a **loss function**:

$$s = f(x; W, b) = Wx + b$$

Linear classifier

Softmax: $L_i = -\log \left(\frac{\exp(s_{y_i})}{\sum_j \exp(s_j)} \right)$

SVM: $L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$



Next up: How to find best W and b ? **Optimization**

Due dates

Canvas Assignment: 20250113 KNN Quiz

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Due Jan. 15, 2025

Canvas Assignment: 20250115 Linear Classifier Quiz

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Due Jan. 19, 2025

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5 submissions per day - Start today!!!

Due Jan. 19, 2025